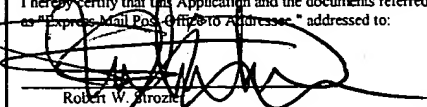


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and invented by:

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  - e. ☒ Background of the Invention
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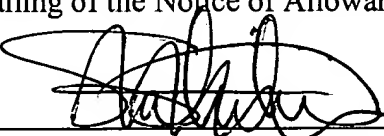
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